

Hornet Ranger Station, Privy
Payette National Forest
National Forest Road No. 50002
Council Vicinity
Adams County
Idaho

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HORNET RANGER STATION, PRIVY
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Location: Payette National Forest
15 miles southwest of Council
0.2 miles north of Washington County line
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek
Adams County
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, ID, quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1026 Park Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The privy was built in 1934.
2. Architect/Builder: The privy was built as a modified "Plan R-4 #70 Single Unit Latrine." It was built as part of a cooperative project between personnel of the Weiser National Forest and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).
3. Original and subsequent owners: The privy has always been the property of the U.S. Forest Service.
4. Alterations and additions: Originally, the structure was painted white with green trim. Today, it is painted avocado with white trim.

B. Historical Context: See overview for complex.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Privy is a one-story structure, 4.25 feet (N-S) by 5.25 feet. It measures 8.75 feet from the ground to the peak of the roof. The privy was placed near the northeast corner (rear) of the barn in the working portion of the site.

1. Architectural character: The one-story wood frame structure with "double drop" horizontal siding is a modified "R-4 #70 Single Unit Latrine." The privy functioned as site toilet facilities for the working area of the complex.

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is good. The privy is the only extant structure in the complex to retain the original shingle roof.

B. Description of the Exterior

1. Foundations: The privy is supported on a rectangular concrete slab.

2. Walls: The frame structure is constructed of milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. Wire nails are used throughout as structural fasteners. Corner posts measuring "3 x 3" help to support the load of the walls. Walls utilize "2 x 3" studs; the exterior is faced with one inch by six inch "double drop" siding painted avocado green.

3. Doors: The privy contains a single entryway positioned under the gable on the south elevation. The six-foot wooden vertical paneled door with spring hinges is framed in "1 x 8" casing painted white.

4. Windows: The privy does not contain glass windows; there are two horizontal screened openings (vents) positioned directly below the gable in the front and rear.

5. Roof: The structure of the roof is framed with "1 x 8" filler boards" and fir sheathing. The rafters are the standard "2 x 4" rough sawn fir; the ridge board is "1 x 4" fir. The sawn wooden shingles measure five inches.

C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The single room contains a raised platform bench made of "1 x 12" fir lumber to accommodate one privy hole. The seat is painted light blue.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The flooring is made from "1 x 12" rough cut pine. The ceiling is finished with "2 x 4" boards of similar material.

3. Other features: The interior is painted white.